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Claims 1-9 and 11-13 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 11 are amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the *Ratzel* reference used to reject the claims in the most recent office action does not anticipate Applicant's claim 1. The packet identifier (PKTID) 10 in *Ratzel* does not correspond to a number of parallel channels in a transmission system. Instead, the PKTID only indicates the type of packet a particular packet is as described in col. 3, lines 10-11. Therefore the PKTID in *Ratzel* is not the same as an encoder packet identifier as recited in Applicant's claim 1. There is no anticipation.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the claims can be considered based on the *Ratzel* reference. Even if the proposed combination *Ratzel* and *Rathonyi* could be made, the result would not be the same as Applicant's claimed invention because there would be no encoder packet identifier corresponding to the one recited in Applicant's claims. The PKTID of *Ratzel* does not correspond to the claimed encoder packet identifier. Therefore, even if the teachings of *Rathonyi* were added to *Ratzel*, the result is not the same as the claimed invention and there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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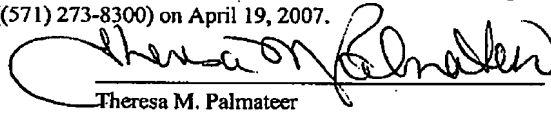
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